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SUBJ: QUARTERLY MEAT CABLE

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1. SECOND QUARTER BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS TO U.S. UNDER PL 88-482 AMOUNTED TO 11,312 THOUSAND POUNDS FOR FIRST HALF YEAR AGGREGATE OF 19,315 THOUSAND POUNDS. ADDITIONALLY, 675 THOUSAND POUNDS BONE-LESS FROM U.S. SLAUGHTER CATTLE SHIPPED TO U.S. DURING APRIL-JUNE PERIOD FOR JANUARY-JUNE TOTAL OF 2,872 THOUSAND POUNDS.

2. TOTAL DOMESTIC UTILIZATION DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST ESTIMATE DUE TO CONTINUED UPWARD PRESSURE ON RETAIL PRICES RESULTING IN REDUCED CONSUMER SPENDING POWER. AS END OF MAJOR GRAZING PERIOD DRAWS TO CLOSE CATTLEMEN EXPECTED TO INCREASE DELIVERIES WHICH ORDINARILY WOULD TEND TO EXERT DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON LOCAL RETAIL PRICES. HOWEVER, LARGER PROPORTIONS OF THESE SUPPLIES EXPECTED TO BE CHANNELLED INTO EXPORT MARKETS PROVIDED U.S. PRICES DO NOT DETERIORATE MARKEDLY. DECISION TO REDUCE DUTIES ON FRESH CHILLED OR FROZEN BEEF EXPORTS BY ABOUT 27 CENTS PER CWT. AND LOWER DUTIES ON LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS BY 1.90-2.60 U.S. DOLLARS PER CWT. PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO LOW EXPORT MOVEMENT DURING JULY AND FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST. TO REACH 66 MILLION POUND EXPORT QUOTA NOT LIKELY BUT TOTAL YEAR SHIPMENTS OF 55 MILLION POUNDS PROBABLE. LATTER LEVEL WOULD MEAN AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPORTS OF ONLY ABOUT 200,000 LBS., WHICH TRADE CONSIDERS POSSIBLE. INCLUDING MONTH

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OF JULY WHEN NO SHIPMENTS MADE, WEEKLY SALES THROUGH SECOND

WEEK OF AUGUST AVERAGED 613,000 LBS. AS PER TOFAS 45, ALL 14 APPROVED TIF PLANTS ALLOWED TO EXPORT 255,000 LBS PER PLANT PER MONTH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ASSUMING NO IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. PRICES, EXPORT SALES HINGED ON DEGREE TO WHICH GOM WILLING TO SUBSIDIZE MEAT EXPORTS.

1972 1973 1974

3. NUMBERS (1000 HEAD)

A. ON FARM JAN. 1 26,371 26,830 27,100

B. SLAUGHTER 3,569 3,780 3,960

4. SUPPLY AND DEMAND (1000MT, CWE)

A. SUPPLY

1) PRODUCTION 592 643 673

2) IMPORTS NEG NEG NEG
TOTAL 592 643 673

B. DISAPPEARANCE

1) DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION 541 607 638

2) EXPORTS
A) BONE IN NEG NEG NEG

B) BONELESS IN CWE 51 36 35

5. EXPORTS (ESTIMATED IN 1000 LBS. OF PRODUCT WEIGHT)

A. BY QUARTERS TO U.S.: 8,004; 11,312; 15,184; 20,500.

B. ANNUAL BASIS ALL SOURCES: 55,500 1/

1/ DOES NOT INCLUDE ESTIMATED 35 MILLION POUNDS (CWE) BORDER SALES TO U.S. CITIZENS.

2/ DOES NOT INCLUDE ESTIMATION FOR BORDER SALES TO U.S. CITIZENS.

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